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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MIDDLE EAST FORCE STATUS

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YOU SHOULD INFORM FOREIGN MINISTER THAT YOU HAVE BEEN IN-
STRUCTED TO REITERATE OUR HOPE THAT GOB WILL NOT TAKE
FURTHER ACTION UNTIL WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO CONVEY OUR OWN
REACTION TO ITS PROPOSED LETTER ON MIDEASTFOR TERMINATION
DATE. YOU SHOULD SAY THAT YOU HAVE BEEN ASKED TO ASSURE
HIM THAT WE HAVE THIS MATTER UNDER INTENSIVE REVIEW AND
THAT WE HAVE NO DESIRE TO DELAY ANY FURTHER STEPS UN-
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NECESSARILY. OUR DESIRE FOR COOPERATION ON THIS MATTER

IS ENTIRELY IN ACCORD WITH THE CLOSE AND FRIENDLY
RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES, AND WE APPRECIATE
THE CONSIDERATION WHICH GOB HAS BEEN WILLING TO GIVE TO
USG INTERESTS WITH REGARD TO MIDEASTFOR, AS REFLECTED
MOST RECENTLY IN EXCHANGE OF NOTES ON JULY 31 MARKING
THE END OF NEGOTIATIONS OVER PERIOD OF MANY MONTHS. THE
ISSUE WHICH GOB HAS NOW RAISED, I.E. TO SET JUNE 1977
TERMINATION DATE, DESERVES, WE ARE CONFIDENT GOB WILL AGREE,
HIGH-LEVEL ATTENTION OF USG. AS THE FOREIGN MINISTER IS
AWARE, SOME SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE ADMINISTRATION

INTERESTED IN THIS MATTER ARE NOT AT THIS MOMENT IN
WASHINGTON. WE WISH TO ASSURE THE FOREIGN MINISTER
THAT WE WILL SEEK TO OBTAIN REACTION TO CONVEY TO
GOB AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE REGARDING THE PROPOSED
LETTER, AND IT IS OUR INTENTION TO DO SO IN A MANNER
WHICH WILL CLEARLY REFLECT OUR DESIRE FOR CONTINUATION
OF THE VERY FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIP WITH BAHRAIN, WHICH
WE VALUE HIGHLY. IT IS IN THIS SPIRIT THAT, RECOGNIZING
GOB DESIRE FOR EARLY ACTION, WE WISH REITERATE OUR HOPE
THAT IT WILL BE ABLE TO AWAIT OUR SPECIFIC REACTION
REGARDING PROPOSED LETTER. INGERSOLL

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